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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Examiner

David S. Kim

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the following features must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered:

In claim 4, the circulator limitation is not shown in the figures.

2. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. **Claims 1-2** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by King (European Patent Application EP 1 257 023 A2).

Regarding claim 1, King discloses:

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Raman pump source comprising a first laser diode (28 in Fig. 3) and a second laser diode (30), a coupler (e.g., 32) and a polarization beam combiner (34), wherein the signals of the two laser diodes are combined in a polarization maintaining coupler (32) with two in- and two outputs, and the outputs of the coupler are linked to the polarization beam combiner, wherein the two outputs of the coupler and the two inputs of the polarization beam combiner are linked by polarization maintaining fibers (col. 6, l. 11-18).

Regarding claim 2, King discloses:

Raman pump source according claim 1 wherein the lengths of the polarization maintaining fibers differs from each others according the coherence lengths of the laser diodes (paragraph [0022]).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. **Claims 1-5** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,533,921 B1, hereinafter "Wu") in view of King.

Regarding claims 1-2, consider the network environment of Figs. 1-2 of Wu. Wu does not disclose all the details of the Raman pump source of claims 1-2. However, King does, as described above. At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to implement the Raman pump source of King in the network environment of Figs. 1-2 of Wu. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this since the Raman pump source of King provides the benefits of an upgrade unit for extending the signal gain bandwidth (King, col. 2, l. 48-55) and principles for further extending the gain bandwidth to accommodate even more multiplexed channels (King, paragraph [0029]).

Regarding claim 3, Wu in view of King discloses:

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Raman pump source according claim 1 wherein the polarization beam combiner is linked to one input of a wavelength multiplexer (Wu, 22 in Fig. 2, col. 6, l. 5-8) where the second input is connected to an erbium doped fiber amplifier (Wu, 28 in Fig. 2).

Regarding claim 4, Wu in view of King discloses:

Raman pump source according claim 1 wherein the polarization beam combiner is linked to one input of a circulator (Wu, 22 in Fig. 2, col. 6, l. 5-8) where the second input is connected to an erbium doped fiber amplifier (Wu, 28 in Fig. 2).

Regarding claim 5, Wu in view of King discloses:

Communication Network with transmitters, receivers, transmission links and several amplifiers pumping the Raman amplifiers with the Raman pump according claim 1 (Wu, Fig. 1).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David S. Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-3033. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 9 AM to 5 PM (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kenneth N. Vanderpuye can be reached on 571-272-3078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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